(ख) से (घ) मैंगनीज अयस्क के उत्पादन में लगातार कमी नहीं हुई है किन्तु इसमें कुछ उतार-चढ़ाव आता रहता है। देश में मैंगनीज अयस्क सहित गैर ईंधन और गैर-परमाणु खनिजों का उत्पदन बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय खनिज नीति, 1993 की घोषणा की है और मैंगनीज अयस्क उन 13 खनिजों में से एक है जिन्हें निजी क्षेत्र द्वारा विदोहन के लिए आरक्षित किया गया है।

Transfer of Control of works to Bhakhra Beas Management Board

2590. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the provisions of the Punjab reorganisation Act, 1966, the control of the Headworks Ropar, Harike and Ferozpur should vest with Bhakhra Beas Management Board; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not transferring the same to the said Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bhakra Beas Management Board and Ministry of Power had requested Punjab to transfer the Headworks of Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur to BBMB. However, Punjab has not agreed to transfer the Headworks so far. According to BBMB the share of Rajasthan in surplus Ravi-Beas water and Sutlej water is made available to Rajasthan through various contact / control points in Punjab and Haryana and transferring the three Headworks alone will not serve the purpose.

Hence according to BBMB the best arrangement would be that all the partner States honour the distribution made by the Technical Committee of BBMB in which Rajasthan is also represented and deliver the correct supplies at various control points.

Approval sought by Karnataka Government for Opening Science Centres

2591. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought approval of the Union Government for strengthening and opening of Science Centres in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the number of such Centres likely to be strengthened and opened alongwith their locations; and

(d) the amount of financial assistance sought by the State Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA)

(a) The Government of India in the Department of Culture has not received any such proposal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Bifurcation of Namrup Units of HFC

2592. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the proposal for bifurcation of the Namrup units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation into an independent company;

(b) by when Government is likely to approve the proposal;

(c) the status of the pending case of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation before the BIFR; and

(d) by when the BIFR is likely to deliver its verdict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government has recently approved, in principle, the revival package for revamp of Barauni, Durgapur and Namrup units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) envisaging a fresh investment of Rs. 464.93 crores, apart from capital restructuring and other financial reliefs to the undertaking. Arrangement for funding the revival package have not been tied up so far.